



PSYCHIATRY

The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP)

To become a Psychiatrist, you will need to apply for fellowship with [The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists](#). Fellowship is a 5-year (full time) training pathway consisting of three stages:

- Stage 1: 12 months basic level Adult Psychiatry (includes 6 months in an acute setting).
- Stage 2: 24 months proficient level rotations (includes mandatory 6 months Child and Adolescent Psychiatry rotation, mandatory 6 months Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry rotation, and 12 months of elective rotations).
- Stage 3: 24 months advanced level rotations (Trainees select 4 x 6 month elective rotations).

A Certificate of Advanced Subspecialty Training (24 months) can be commenced concurrently in Stage 3.

Entry requirements/pre-requisites

- General Medical Registration.
- Completion of PGY1.

Application and selection process – [how to apply](#)

Queensland Health Clinical Directors of Mental Health Services in conjunction with the Queensland Branch Training Committee (QBTC) and [Office of Postgraduate Training in Psychiatry](#) (PGT) oversee Psychiatry training rotation placements into Queensland facilities.

To obtain a Psychiatry training placement, prospective trainees must 1) complete the Psychiatry Training Program Preference Form and submit to the Postgraduate Coordinator at PGT.PAH@health.qld.gov.au and 2) submit an online application through the [RMO Campaign](#) to secure an employment contract with your preferred training site. It is also recommended to make contact with the Chief Training Supervisor at the training site you have indicated in your preference form to discuss your plans.

Once you have secured an accredited training position, you can register with the College to commence your training.

Regional Training Hub Southern Queensland

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Useful contacts and links

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service: DDHHS-MEU@health.qld.gov.au

Medi-Nav: <https://medinav.health.qld.gov.au>

The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists: <https://www.ranzcp.org/pre-fellowship/selection-of-trainees>

Queensland Psychiatry Training Programs: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/psychiatry>

Post Graduate Training In Psychiatry: <https://qldpsychiatrytraining.health.qld.gov.au/>

National Medical Workforce Factsheet: <https://hwd.health.gov.au/webapi/customer/documents/factsheets/2016/Psychiatry.pdf>



Program requirements

Training requirements summary: <https://www.ranzcp.org/files/prefellowship/2012-fellowship-program/administration/ranzcp-training-pathway.aspx>

Training Program overview: <https://www.ranzcp.org/pre-fellowship/about-the-training-program>

Regional training opportunities in Southern Queensland

There are currently 22 Psychiatry registrar positions in Toowoomba*.

***Position data valid as at May 2019.**

The following table provides an overview of the Psychiatry training program and which stages/rotations the Toowoomba Hospital is accredited for:

		TRAINING PROGRAM																	Minimum training time in an approved training program within RANZCP approved areas of practice	
COLLEGE	SPECIALTY	Basic Level Adult Psychiatry rotation (Months)	Psychiatry Acute Setting (Months)	Consultation - Liaison Psychiatry (Months)	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (Months)	Addiction Psychiatry (Months)	Adult Psychiatry (Months)	Forensic Psychiatry (Months)	Indigenous Psychiatry (Months)	Psychiatry of old age (Months)	Consultation - Liaison Psychiatry (Months)	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (Months)	Addiction Psychiatry (Months)	Adult Psychiatry (Months)	Forensic Psychiatry (Months)	Indigenous Psychiatry (Months)	Psychiatry of old age (Months)	Psychotherapies (Months)		Research/medical education/medical administration Psychiatry (Months)
RANZCP	PSYCHIATRY	Stage 1		Stage 2							Stage 3								Advanced - Certificates of Subspecialty (Optional for trainees wanting to specialise)	
		12 (includes 6 months in acute setting)		6		6		2 rotations in a single or multiple area(s) of practice (total 12 months FTE)			4 elective rotations (each 6 months FTE) in a single or multiple area(s) or practice									
	Toowoomba Hospital	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Toowoomba Hospital also offers the following additional electives in Stage 2 and 3:

- GP Liaison (includes one session a fortnight for research, group Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and an Indigenous Clinic)
- Private Psychiatry
- Psychotherapy
- Adult Psychiatry term offerings include Rehabilitation, Acute Care Team, Rural, Inpatient, Extended Inpatient and Disability Psychiatry.

Map your Psychiatry training pathway in Southern Queensland

The following table provides an example pathway from internship through to fellowship in the Southern Queensland region:

GENERAL PSYCHIATRY TRAINING PROGRAM - EXAMPLE PATHWAY										
		STAGE 1	STAGE 2				STAGE 3			
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4		PGY5		PGY6		PGY7	
Intern	RMO	Basic Training	Consultation - Liaison Psychiatry	Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	Adult Psychiatry	Psychiatry of Old Age	Addiction Psychiatry	Forensic Psychiatry	Adult Psychiatry Rural	Adult Psychiatry
Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital

Trainees can complete the entire General Psychiatry pathway in Toowoomba. In addition, trainees and fellows could complete Advanced Training Certificates in Adult Psychiatry, Addiction Psychiatry, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychiatry of Old Age.

Disclaimer

The University of Queensland Regional Training Hubs have taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the information contained in this document is both accurate and current. Information in this Guide is accurate as at August 2021. Pathways provided are examples only and may be dependent on availability of positions, allocation processes and individual progression through the training program. While care has been taken to provide accurate information in this Guide, it is the responsibility of prospective candidates for training pathways and positions to check and confirm specific details with relevant Colleges and health authorities directly.

